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- (a) U.S. Patent Appl. No. 08/547,904 of SEKIYA, filed October 25, 1995;

- (b) U.S. Patent Appl. No. 09/793,249 of SEKIYA, filed February 26, 2001;
- (c) U.S. Patent Appl. No. 09/988,845 of SEKIYA, filed November 16, 2001;
- (d) U.S. Patent Appl. No. 10/135,000 of SEKIYA, filed April 29, 2002;
- (e) U.S. Patent Appl. No. 10/175,181 of SEKIYA, filed June 19, 2002;
- (f) U.S. Patent Appl. No. 10/224,656 of SEKIYA, filed August 20, 2002;
- (g) U.S. Patent Appl. No. 10/267,357 of SEKIYA, filed October 9, 2002;
- (h) U.S. Patent Appl. No. 10/386,056, filed March 12, 2003;
- (i) U.S. Patent Appl. No. 10/388,700 of SEKIYA et al., filed March 14, 2003; and
- (j) U.S. Patent Appl. No. 10/394,547 of SHINOTSUKA et al., filed March 21, 2003.

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Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

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